

Nevada Silver State Stars

Quality Rating & Improvement System for Early Childhood Programs

FACT SHEET

There are many components to the QRIS, here are a few:

A QRIS outlines the components of “quality childcare” by utilizing standardized, research-based criteria.

A QRIS provides a roadmap and support to improve the quality of early care and education programs.

Through the QRIS, early childhood programs are assessed and given a number of “stars” to indicate what level of quality has been reached at that point.

QRIS Standards include quality indicators that expand on State of Nevada childcare licensing requirements.

There are many advantages as well. Nevada’s QRIS:

Recognizes a program’s strengths while helping them develop a plan for improvement.

Provides access to resources (technical assistance, coaching, training, and financial incentives) that help childcare programs improve and sustain higher quality.

Informs parents/families regarding childcare choices and become better consumers.

Brings community awareness to the critical role that the early years play in preparing children for school and for life.

Programs that are not rated may be in the early stages of the QRIS or may have chosen not to participate at this time which also excludes them from other quality improvement supports.

HIGHEST QUALITY (Far exceeds quality)

QUALITY PLUS (Exceeds quality standards)

QUALITY (Meets quality standards)

PROGRESSING STAR (Approaching quality)

RISING STAR (Committed to quality improvement)

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Early Care and Education Programs include: Licensed Child Care Centers, Licensed Family Child Care Providers, and some School District Pre-K classrooms. Updated 12.2019